

Oct. 2/26. Left New York 8.45 am, arrives at Saratoga Springs N.Y. at 2.10 P.M. Returned to New York Oct 5, 9.10 P.M.
 I had 58 + 60 Washington Str. Known as Hotel Vestibula, under observation as follows:

Oct 2. 3 P.M. 4 P.M. 6 P.M. 7.45 P.M. 10.30 P.M. + midnight
 " 3 - 1 P.M. 4 " 6 " 8 P.M. 8.30 " 11 P.M. + "
 " 4 - 10 am. 11.45 am. 12.15 P.M. 3.45 " 5.30 P.M. 11.15 P.M.
 " 5 - 10.30 " 12 m. 2.45 " 4 P.M.

58-60 Washington Str. is a three story house, about 30 ft wide, probably originally built as a private dwelling, it has three exits, front, side, & rear. The only sign is a partially defaced one, reading "Hotel Entrance". The house is situated between Broadway and Washington Place Railroad Crossing. Two signal men are stationed there at crossing during the day. No 56 Wash Str. is a small house owned by a wealthy Colored family who occupy it only during the summer. It is closed now and a friend of the family is under the care of one of their friends, a Colored chauffeur, in the employ of Senator Brackett's widow. No 62 Wash. Str. is an Italian Barber Shop. No 64 is a small Italian Restaurant and summer garden. Called Di Santis, apparently a respectable, patronized by Catholic Priests, summer residents, & neighborhood children playing in and around it. There are three churches on Washington Str. and a large Parish House, given over in the afternoons to Boys & girls clubs.

and activities. Two of the Churches + Parish House are opposite Hotel Vestibula. ^{Ships said that} Complaints from Churches have been made, but no action taken probably because the house operates quietly & late. Some of the residents + church members have insisted on better street lighting and a large electric light has since been installed.

During my observation I saw the only person I saw going in the hotel was Salisbury; his car was continually in front of the house in readiness.

He used it frequently, usually on short trips, often leaving and returning while I was still on the block. Salisbury has been the proprietor of the hotel for the past four years. and the hotel is generally reputed to be a house of assignation operating after midnight. Salisbury employs a woman housekeeper, ~~called~~ named Jennie May. (who comes from Albany) she is described as medium height, plump, brunette, about thirty five years old, and said to be infatuated with S. him; she has been in his employ about four years. Salisbury is ^{living apart} ~~separated~~ from his wife; he has lived at the hotel with a woman called Beth Salisbury until two years ago when she died. She was buried from that address. Neither the hotel or Salisbury is listed in the Telephone directory, but a Mrs. Viola B Salisbury is listed in the current book. From two sources I learned that Salisbury had been arrested three or four times, the last arrest was about a year ago for transporting stolen goods in his car; he was released on paying a fine. Daily newspaper has an account of the arrest etc.

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During the racing season August 1926, his house was filled with young girls & men. I was told that he had a hotel license but I did not verify this. One informant told me the house was a thoroughly bad one, that one "could get anything you wanted there". Salisbury is also known to be a bootlegger; has no ostensible business other than hotel.

Mrs. Todd - 11 Washington Place (a house on ~~path~~ ^{short street} facing R.R. tracks diagonally across from Hotel Vestibula). I learned ~~for~~ that Mrs. S. has lived at this address on two occasions each time for several years. She is about fifty years old, is a grandmother and undoubtedly reputable. She said it was common knowledge the type of house S. was conducting, altho it was not a boisterous place. He rents rooms for disorderly purposes but she did not believe he had prostitutes living there. That his hotel was one of the few in the city limits. She confirmed my previous information re S's many arrests. ^{a girl wearing} Pearl Bahner ^{from my description} ^{my informant recognized as} had been seen there (58) about two weeks ago and during the summer, but not recently.

Mrs. Joseph Selvi was not known to any of my informants, among whom were several reputable ~~bad~~ people and a couple of well known bootleggers in the Italian district, called Dublin.

A Mrs. Charles Harris (formerly of Buffalo) ^{not} of 3 East Beckman St. is said to be an intimate friend of Jennie May's. The Harris called frequently with their children to see Jennie at Vestibula. Mr. Harris is a paper hanger, has a telephone at his home.

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I was advised not to attempt to interview Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Todd volunteered to see Mrs. Harris with a view of obtaining a clue to Pearl's whereabouts. Among my informants was a hack driver named Sanford who has lived in Saratoga for fifty three years, is a town gossip. He stables his horse & carriage in a barn behind U.S. hotel.

A large touring car with blinds drawn, was parked in front of Hotel Vestibula on Oct. 4th from the early evening until Oct. 5th late in the afternoon. ^{license no. 626845}

I refrained from following up leads or from attempting to enter 38 Washington St. or examining Court records upon advice of Mr. Neilson and Mr. Todd. My personal feeling was that I might have gotten ~~me~~ some good clues had I been given a free hand, but my understanding was that I was to follow Mr. Neilson's ~~ad~~ suggestions.

New York.

October 6/26.

Marion Spingarn.